

*Calle Oviedo No. 7-9
Lomas Del Mar III
La Mata
03180 Torre Vieja
Espania*



Welcome to VILLA OVIEDO

Guest Information

We hope you will enjoy staying at our



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General Information:

SMOKING– There are 4 terraces and a solarium here at Villa Oviedo. We would very much appreciate your consideration by smoking outside.

Address Of The House

Calle Oviedo No.7 or 9
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03180 Torrevieja
Espania

*If coming back to the house in a taxi and you can't remember the address, just tell them **Bar Margani**, top of road. They all seem to know it.*

Local Agent Contact

Uwe Guderle
Mobile: +34696307833

Car Parking:

Free car parking as you enter Lomas Del Mar (*The Hill by the Sea*). Please observe the one-way system and ensure you close the gates behind you.

The Pool

Please follow our pool guidelines, as these will ensure your enjoyment of the pool and future guests.

- **Never leave children unattended in or near the pool.**
- **Shower before entering the pool.**
- **No food in or near the pool.**
- **Plastic beakers only on the lower level.**
- **No swimming after midnight**
- **No electrical equipment such as stereos near the pool**
- **STRICTLY No jumping from the terrace!!!**

The Pool technician will ensure the pool is regularly cleaned. The pump runs for approximately 2 x 4 hours daily, but showering beforehand and ensuring no food or drink is taken into the pool will help keep it sparkling clean. When you swim in the pool without showering off suntan lotion, the pool will go cloudy. The lights in the pool are on automatic timer. In consideration for your neighbours please do not use the pool after midnight. Please note there is no exit via the back gate. The pool cleaning company come in using this gate.



It is NOT safe to jump from the terrace please do not do this. The banister was not designed as a springboard.

The pool filtration equipment is only to be operated by the maintenance team. If for any reason the Pool pump cupboard is left unlocked, please DO NOT FIDDLE with any of the settings / controls.

DANGER!!!!

Out of season the pool is covered:

- Do not uncover the pool.
- Do not walk on the cover. It is not designed to for this!!!
- Do not enter the pool, special chemicals have been added to treat the water during the winter, these are not human friendly.

The Beach

Shortest route to the beach: La Mata Beach – reputedly the best beach on the Costa Blanca.

Go left out the front door, at the end of Calle Oviedo (next to number 17) use the black keys on your house keys to go through the 2 black gates leading down to a track to the beach. Using this route avoids the steep climb up Calle San Sebastian on your return. There is a boardwalk the length of the beach which takes you past many restaurants and bars. We like the kiosks right on the beach where you can sit and have a cold drink with your feet in the sand. In the summer season you can hire the sun beds by the half day and the pedaloes by the hour. When at the beach please be careful with your keys. If you lose your keys you will be charged for a replacement set and possibly also to have the locks changed.

Utilities

Electricity	There should be no problem with electricity supply to the house. A circuit breaker is fitted in the cupboard under the stairs should anything trip the electric supply. The breakers should all be in the up position. If you have problems please contact the Agent , there number is at the front of this book and on the post box outside. Power in Spain is restricted to 3KW per house. If you try and run too many appliances at once the power will trip.
Water	The upstairs hot water supply is electric and supplied by the water cylinder located in the kitchen. The downstairs en-suite shower is gas-heated and the agent will ensure the gas is on for your arrival.



Air Conditioning	Air conditioning is available in the two top bedrooms. Cooling the rooms is instant when turned on, We would appreciate it if the Air conditioning is not left on all day when not required. Thank-You.
Heating	If you are taking a winter break you will find the evenings get very chilli. The days are mostly beautiful sunshine around 20 deg but you will need heating in the evenings. There is gas central heating on both lower levels, and the air conditioning units in both top bedrooms can be turned to heat. There is also a mobile gas heater which is very effective.
Rubbish	Please dispose of rubbish regularly. There are large green wheelie bins on San Sebastian which are emptied daily.
Front Garden	We would very much appreciate anyone putting loads of water on the gardens as often as you can be bothered. Thank-You.



Security:

Although on holiday, we ask you to still be conscious of security, if you are not you will be after you've been robbed!!

We have installed a safe and recommend you use it. While not intending to alarm you, pick pockets and thieves do prey on tourists both in the streets and in the home. We suggest you don't carry around passports (unless you are driving) or additional cash when not needed. It is also highly recommended to keep all security scroll bars / scissor gates locked at all times. It is very important to realise this is a large house and if everyone is on one level, thieves could come over the roof and down into the upper levels without being detected. Try to keep items such as cameras, mobile phones etc out of sight.

Our agent will also have given you the alarm security pin. It is in your interest to put the alarm on whenever you leave the house. However, please realise you cannot leave windows open and have the alarm activated as blowing curtains etc could and probably will set off the alarm.


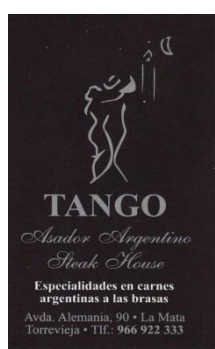

NOTE: You will need to show your passport whenever using your visa cards. It is a good idea to have a photo copy of your driver's licence AND the hire car paperwork on you when out in the car.

Safe	You will have been instructed in the use of the safe on arrival. Any problems please contact the agent.
Keys	You will have received guest sets of keys. The same scroll bar key fits the lounge terrace and lower bedroom doors. There is an additional key for the scissor gate on the top floor. The black keys open the gates leading down to the beach path. You will also have the keys to the Studio bedroom/en-suite on the lower level. The agent holds the keys to the pump room and boiler / gas cupboard.
Alarm	Please remember the PIN given to you, and don't tamper with the controls.

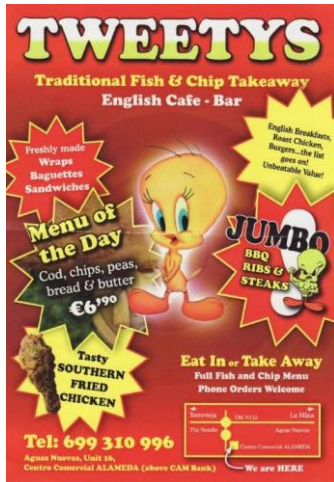


Restaurants / Bars

When you leave the urbanisation via the car gate, head up the road and turn right when you reach the top. You will find a strip of restaurants and bars covering various cuisines. The first bar you will come to is Margani's and is open till late. My Dream is our favourite, Sunny will take good care of you. There are many more than these in the area, see the selection we have chosen below. If you find a restaurant you particularly enjoy please ask them for a card to leave in the villa for future guests. We will also add this to our book. These are in no particular order, we enjoyed all of them.

Restaurant / Bar	Details
Barlovento Ph: (34) 96692 11 82	<p>Stunning Spanish restaurant. Renowned as best fish restaurant in Costa Blanca. Must book!!!! On beachfront. Walk down San Sebastian - turn right. It is done up like a ship. Try sitting up at the bar and ordering tapas ☺...!! Very nice for a pre / post dinner drink!!!! Smart casual dress.</p>  <p>Urb. Círculo Cervantes, 8 Tfnos. 96 692 11 82 - 96 692 21 76 03180 TORREVIEJA (Alicante)</p>
Tango	<p>Argentinean steak restaurant on the beach, love it. One of my favourites. Your host Franco will take good care of you. Nice an evening or a long lazy lunch. Also have a great flamenco show Friday evenings. You'll need to book.</p>  



TWEETYS	<p>Fish & Chips....A bit of a walk but worth it. Up the top of San Sebastian . Straight over following the Mercadona signs then turn right towards the old Alicante Rd.</p> 
Elias	<p>Very basic. Spanish tappas and Sangria recommended. Top of the road: Turn right in second block.</p>
My Life Irish Bar	<p>Top of the road and turn right, you can't miss it. Great atmosphere, with a good pint of Guinness. Also good for a Full English Breakfast the morning after.</p>
My Dream Internation Cusine	<p>Indian plus more. At top of road go right and you come to it just past Sophia's World. Good food and fantastic service, one fo my favourites.</p>

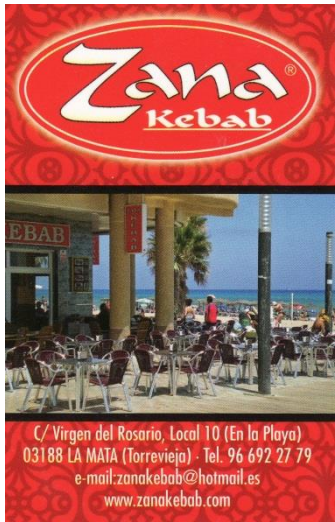



Restaurant Italiano	<p>At the bottom of the hill opposite the beach. Fabulous views out to Sea and great food. Definitely one for the list!!!!</p> <div data-bbox="906 434 1310 698"></div> <div data-bbox="914 712 1300 797"><p>Urb. Vistamar, Lokal Nr.3 03180 Playa de La Mata - Torrevieja Tel: 966925082</p></div> <div data-bbox="347 835 944 1205"></div>
The Big House	<p>Very Good chinese. On main road just as you come into La Mata heading south on N322</p> <div data-bbox="871 1305 1401 1637"></div> <div data-bbox="347 1659 598 1731"><p>Restaurante BIG HOUSE</p></div> <div data-bbox="347 1753 560 1888"><p>Cocina JAPONESA CHINA JAPANESE CHINESE THAI Kitchen</p></div> <div data-bbox="347 1910 632 1995"><p>C/. Benacantin, 1 Local N°3 TORREVIEJA - Torrelamata Tel.: 96 692 06 63</p></div> <div data-bbox="608 1664 938 2007"></div>



VineYard	<p>The Vineyard is situated at the top San Sabastian, turn right towards Deutsche Bank, very friendly.</p>  <p>★ Now Open ★ Good Quality Home Made Food <i>Chef's specials, English Breakfast, Sunday Lunch, Meal of the Day, Childrens Menu</i></p> <p><i>Tetley Bitter, Strongbow Cider, Ambar Lager & A Fine Selection of Wines</i></p> <p>★ Food Served All Day ★ <i>Happy Hour 6-7pm daily</i></p>  <p><i>Deutsche Bank Torrevieja coast road Torrevieja</i> <i>Ctra. Del Torrejon, Lomas Del Mar Tel: 966925097</i></p>
Pizzeria Ristorante Italiano	<p>Fantastic Restaurant Serving great Italian Pizza, Pasta, and traditional foods. It's on Torrevieja Beach and very reasonably priced. At top of San Sebastian turn left and follow the road along sea. Personally I would get a cab, 5 Euros!!!!</p>  <p><i>Horno de Leña</i></p> <p><i>Avda. Alfredo Nobel, 2 · Playa Los Locos · 03183 Torrevieja (Alicante)</i> <i>Tel. 90 571 40 49</i></p>
El Molino (The Windmill)	<p>One of the 1st restaurants you will come to on the beach as you walk to La Mata. Nice for a spot of lunch. You can sit inside with the big sliding windows open to shelter from the sun. Simple menu, good food & great value!!!!</p>  <p><i>El Molino</i> A LA BRASA <i>Conejo a la Teja, Pescado, Cochinillo...</i> GRAN FUSIÓN CON EL MAR <i>Nuestra cerveza es diferente</i> Manuel García del Cura Playa de la Mata • TORREVIEJA Tlf.: 96 692 16 02 E-mail: ATALAYA02@terra.es</p>



Zana Kebab	<p>If I had to chose one place to have lunch at everyday this would be it. You can not beat a rolled mixed kebab withan ice cold beer!!!!!! Located on the beach front as you head into La Mata. Good friendly service witha great view of the beach. I love it!!!</p>	 <p>C/ Virgen del Rosario, Local 10 (En la Playa) 03188 LA MATA (Torrevieja) - Tel. 96 692 27 79 e-mail: zana.kebab@hotmail.es www.zanakebab.com</p>
222 Garden Tropic	<p>If you are looking for soemthing a little more lively this for you. Situarted next to the 222 Pizzeria (also fabolus). It's a large out door bar banging out the tunes with a chill out lounge ont eh 1st floor looking out to see. You wont be getting home early!!!!</p>	 <p>invitación COCKTAIL 222 GARDEN TROPIC VERANO 2009 PLAYA LOS LOCOS TORREVIEJA</p>





Shopping

The house is situated in Calle Oviedo. (number 7). Out the front gate and to the right takes you up Calle San Sebastian to Citra. Del Torrejon. Turn right here where you will find all local amenities. Farmacia, small grocery shops, bars and many restaurants. There is a bank and further along are two internet cafes. Across the road is the bus stop where the bus (line A.) will take you in to Torrevieja. See bus timetable below. The bus stop at the shops will go to La Mata where it terminates, However, it is a very pleasant walk along the boardwalk/beach in to La Mata and not necessary to take the bus. You can also catch the bus to Torrevieja at the bottom of San Sebastian on the right. (opposite the supermarket)

Bus Timetable – Line A	October to June	July to September:
La Mata - Torrevieja	07:30 to 23:00 Every half hour	07:30 to 24:00 Every 15 minutes
Torrevieja – La Mata	07:30 to 23:00 Every half hour	07:30 to 24:00 Every 15 minutes

If driving (Top of San Sebastian and turn left along the sea front) or going by bus, a trip into Torrevieja is very worthwhile. The shopping is great. The main shopping road is “Ramon Gallud” with lots of shoe shops and perfumeries. Parking can be a problem in high season, its best to follow the public car park signs, but buses are very good and cheap, running every 15-20 minutes – ask for the tourist info which is on the sea front with interesting shops, bars and restaurants. The Casino (not a gambling den, rather a gentlemen’s club) is on the sea front behind this you will find a large air-conditioned indoor market selling excellent fish, meat and veg, but closed between 2 and 5pm – as are most shops.

Supermarkets

Mercadona: Supermarket. Out of urbanisation and turn right up Calle Sansebastian to the top. Go straight over and the supermarket is down the 2nd road on your right. The supermarket stocking everything you will need including alcohol. Open all day and into early evening. You need 50c or 1 euro coin to get a trolley.

Supervalu: about 700m walk. Down the Beach track, left along the beach and up Avda Del Agua, right into Citra Del Torrejon, then left into Avda. Torreblanca. This is a large supermarket, supplying everything including alcohol. Also stocks English bacon, Hovis bread, baked beans etc. Look down the back on the right in freezers. Open all day and into early evening. There is also an outdoor coffee/café bar here for a break during shopping.

Carrefores: Driving: N332 south following the Cartagena sign. You will see a large cinema on your right and a large new shopping complex. Extremely large European Hypermarket. Sells everything including TV’s, clothing, food etc. Well worth a wonder around but very busy and shopping locally at SupaValu or Mercadona gives you more time to enjoy the sun / beach / pool.



Banks / Cash

The nearest Bank / Cash machine is the top of the road turn right and walk past all the Bars & Restaurants. On the end is a Deutsche Bank with a cash machine on the far side of it. As I recall you are not able to buy euros or cash travellers checks at the branch. [For this you need to go into Torrevieja.

Habaneras Shopping Centre in Torrevieja

A very good place for shopping in Torrevieja is the Habaneras shopping centre, it opened in March 2005 and has beautiful shops to suit everyone.

If you're a shopping 'widow', then take heart because the top level open-air bar/cafe area offers a great place to sit with a drink in your hand looking at the distant mountains while you wait!

The Habaneras shopping centre is pictured on the right.



Markets

Most street markets pack up around 2pm.

·Street markets are very popular in Torrevieja and the surrounding villages.

The street market is an alternative to traditional commerce and in them you can obtain numerous objects for decoration, textiles, clothing, interior design, craft, animals, footwear and horticultural produce at very reasonable prices, which can sometimes be good buys.

The street markets have a real arab-style market atmosphere and have achieved great popularity amongst the Spanish and the thousands of Europeans that visit Torrevieja. Some are held once a week and others are permanent. They are often held on seaside promenades. Remember to haggle, to get the best price!! Unfortunate as is the case with such places as markets, quite often there are pick pockets so be very careful with your personal belongings.





The most popular street markets are:

Torre Vieja weekly market – take the bus from top of road to Torre Vieja

Frequency: Every Friday

Location: New Torre Vieja urban area

Number of stalls: 1200

Torre Vieja craft market

Frequency: Weekends

Location: Paseo Marítimo de la Libertad

Number of stalls: 300

La Mata weekly street market – walk to the end of the beach boardwalk

Frequency: Every Wednesday

Location: Canal del Acequión

Number of stalls: 250

Campo de Guardamar street market – head north along the n322 toward Alicante

Frequency: Every Sunday Evening from 7pm

Location: Campo de Guardamar..

Number of stalls: 1000

Campo de Guardamar street market – as above

Frequency: Every Wednesday

Location: Campo de Guardamar. Guardamar- Montesinos Road.

Number of stalls: 1000

Almoradí street market

Frequency: Every Sunday

Location: Avenida de la Constitución

Number of stalls: 600

La Mata Sunday Market – by car:

Frequency: Every Sunday morning

Location: Take the N332 north towards Guardamar, just past La Mata you will see a sign for Montesinos. Take that road and you will pick up the Market sign, turn there and you will be whistled to a parking space! It's only a 10 minute drive from villa to the market. There is unlimited parking, loads of places to eat and drink (so go hungry) or even bring home a BBQ chicken.

Number of stalls; Huge !!

Internet

Log in with CasaNadine. Many of the bars and restaurants offer free Wi-Fi.



Places to Visit

Torre Vieja

Although Torre Vieja is one of the most important tourist centres on the Mediterranean coast, it is not as commercialised as the Costa Blanca resorts to the north of Alicante, and it still retains a 'Spanish feel' and a relaxed environment.

The town is enveloped by two large and beautiful natural salt water lakes, which form the Salinas de Torre Vieja and are an official Spanish nature reserve, attracting a wide range of healthy birdlife. Additionally, bathing in the salt lagoons here is becoming popular for many medicinal reasons.

The surroundings of Torre Vieja are full of historic-artistic monuments, like the Casino, a modernistic building famous for its mozarabic style lounge. Other interesting structures and areas include: the Eras de la Sal, an ancient salt yard where the popular Habanera and polyphony festivals are celebrated; the Roman pier at La Mata; the Silleria Bridge in the Acequion; and the Archipriestal Church. Additionally, Museum of Salt and Sea is interesting.



Torre Vieja is one of the fastest growing towns in Spain, and is best enjoyed along with the nearby beach resorts of La Mata and Guardamar. In these three areas, there are no high-rise skyscrapers or package holiday hotels. La Mata and Guardamar have some of the best beaches in Spain, and are just a few minutes from Torre Vieja. You can also find good beaches at Los Locos and Los Naufragos along the coast of Torre Vieja town.

The marina at Torre Vieja is a relaxing place to stroll and have lunch. In the evenings, this area and the surrounding streets are a hive of activity,

with a plethora of busy cafes, restaurants and bars. There are also many shopping opportunities and an excellent indoor seafood market here. Every Friday morning one of the largest street markets in Spain can be found on Avenida de las Habeneras. Torre Vieja is also famous for its many fiestas, with the largest being the Habaneras Festival, an international music contest, in August.

Torre Vieja is ideally situated for daytrips around the area. Alicante is just 47kms away, while Cartagena is 55kms away. The charming city of Murcia is 46kms away. Farther afield, visit the metropolises of Barcelona (570kms) or Madrid (445kms).

Torre Vieja is on the Costa Blanca, roughly halfway between Alicante and Murcia. The town is about 30 to 40 minutes by car from Alicante's El Altet Airport or Murcia Airport. Flights from London take about two and a half hours

Demography:



- Surface area: 30 square kilometres
- Coastline: 20 kilometres
- Green areas: 11 square kilometres of Protected Natural Park and urban green areas
- Situated between the Sierra Escalona (San Miguel de Salinas), the estuary of the Segura River (Guardamar del Segura) and the agricultural lands of the Vega Baja.

Temperate climate

- Rainfall below 180 litres per square meter a year.

Population:

- Population registered on electoral roll: 81,080 inhabitants
- Nationalities: 144 countries of origin
- Spanish population: 43,661 inhabitants
- Foreign population: 37,419 inhabitants
- Summer population: 650,000 people

European population:

- English - 8,500,
- Germans - 4,500,
- Scandinavians – 4,200,
- Netherlands - 2,500,
- French - 1,800
- Around a thousand each of Italians, Portuguese, Austrians and Irish
- Non European community population: 12,000 inhabitants, predominantly citizens of former Eastern Europe and Latin America
- Torrevieja has a market of homes for second residences of over 100,000 dwellings.
- Torrevieja receives more than two million visitors a year.
- There are 2,713 hotel beds. The annual average hotel occupation is 75%

Climate:

The climate in Torrevieja is very stable, belonging to the temperate Continental type, with predominantly mild temperatures in winter as in summer. The coldest months are January and February, with temperatures ranging from 12 to 16 degrees and the hottest months are July and August with temperatures ranging from 28 to 35 degrees.

The Autumn - from October to December - is the very mild season with temperatures ranging from 21 to 27 degrees.

Temperatures are measured in centigrade and this information is well publicised in the media and on lighted signs in public establishments.

Rainfall is scarce and intermittent.



Torre Vieja has a micro-climate which marks it out from other neighbouring towns. The proximity of two salt lakes work in favour of good climatic conditions with regard to both torrential rainfall and strong winds. A sunny climate predominates for most of the year.

Culture:

Torre Vieja offers to its visitors a wide range of music concert programmes, theatre performances, exhibitions, conferences, choral recitals, competitions of international prestige within its winter, spring, summer and autumn cultural programmes, which are promoted by the Municipal Institute for Culture "Joaquín Chapaprieta" in coordination with the Cultural Society of Torre Vieja casino, the Torre Vieja Musical Union, the four choral societies and the more than fifty cultural associations of the town.

- Visitors Centre of the Natural Park of the Lakes
- Cultural Society of Torre Vieja Casino
- Archpriestal Church of the Immaculate Conception
- Easter Museum

Language:

The official language of Torre Vieja is Castilian Spanish, although on some official signposts are also written in Valenciano which is the co-official language of the Valencian region.

If you speak English you will be able to make yourself understood easily since most of the population speak this language.

How to arrive:

By air: El Altet airport (Alicante) and San Javier airport (Murcia)

By land: national main road 332 Alicante-Cartagena, Levante motorway Madrid- Alicante, Mediterranean motorway Alicante-Murcia, A-37 motorway Alicante-Cartagena, regional main road CV-90, provincial road 3321

Nearest passenger terminals: Alicante Bus Station, Alicante RENFE train station, Elche bus station, Murcia bus station, Murcia RENFE train station, Madrid South bus station, Valencia central bus station, El Altet airport (Alicante), San Javier airport (Murcia), Alicante port, Denia port, Valencia port.

In addition to public transport services, a taxi service is very visible at airports. They are in official, clearly signposted taxi ranks, and therefore any vehicle outside these designated areas should be distrusted. The journey time by road from these passenger terminals ranges from 30 minutes to one hour.

Beaches:

Torre Vieja has the following beaches:

La Mata, Los Locos, Cabo Cervera, El Cura, Los Naufragos, Ferris

They have good access and they are well signposted from the town.

They have fine, white sand and signs to indicate the services they provide such as showers, foot washers, children's play area, rescue service, lifeguards, security and special areas for relaxation.



Between each beach there are a number of coves where you can enjoy bathing and diving in a more peaceful environment. Torrevieja possesses some exceptional sea beds.

Tourism:

Tourism is the main economic activity of Torrevieja. Its good climatic conditions and extensive coastline, together with the friendly and welcoming character of its inhabitants have turned it into one of the main tourist destinations of Spain. Tourism in Torrevieja is mainly national and European.

For the last five years there has been a massive influx of people from the countries of former Eastern Europe such as Russia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Rumania, Uzbekistan or Latvia.

Tourists come mainly from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, the Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland, Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg, Austria, Italy, France and Switzerland.

There is no large representation of Japanese, Asiatic, American, Canadian or Australian tourists. The months with the greatest influx of tourists in Torrevieja are July and August in the summer and the Easter period in April.

In recent years there has been a notable increase in tourists from Spain and northern Europe at Christmas time.

Torrevieja offers one of the largest areas of second home tourist residences in Europe, with more than 70,000 second homes used for residence or renting. The most usual practice is to rent a bungalow or villa during one month or one week. Prices vary from 500 Euros during Easter to 4000 Euros in August, although these prices are very variable.

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Handicapped:

In Torrevieja there are very few problems for handicapped people. Buildings and public transport alike are equipped for wheelchair access. Likewise public roads have pavement ramps.

Newspapers:

In Torrevieja you can find a wide variety of newspapers and magazines containing local information and advertisements. The local magazine Vistaalegre is published weekly, in which local news is reported. There are also a number of advertising publications such as Torreguia, Guia-Torrevieja, Donde, Hello Torrevieja.



The last of these include a very useful town plan. There are also English and German newspapers such as The Costa Blanca News, CB Friday, Female Focus, Round Town News, The Guide, Costa Blanca Nachrichtung. Some of these are free and obtainable from kiosks and commercial businesses. Throughout the town you will find kiosks with a wide range of written publications and where you can also obtain English newspapers and international editions from your home country.

RELATED WEBS:

Vistaalegre - <http://www.vistaalegredigital.com>

Torreguía - <http://www.torreguia.es>

Costa Blanca News - <http://www.costablanca-news.com>

Taxes:

Taxes are included in the price of each product. When you pay for any product, any food or drink or any service, you pay tax at the same time. This is a small additional amount on the value of each product. This is called the Value Added Tax (IVA) and is incorporated into the price offered to the public. No company can demand additional payment for taxes, since the sale price must reflect the relevant IVA percentage. There are three types, 6%, 16% and 32%, depending on whether the product is of prime necessity or luxury.

Journey Guide:

These are essential tools for being able to get around the town and get to know its beautiful coastline, its wide range of leisure activities and its green spaces.

You may also obtain information from the following offices:

The bus station office for Municipal Attention and Information, Calle del Mar, 42

Tourist Office, Plaza de Capdepon s/n (no number)

International Information Office for International Residents, Calle Caballero de Rodas, near town hall.

Leisure Time

Shopping:

Torre Vieja offers a wide range of shopping opportunities. It contains 2,500 commercial establishments dedicating to fashion, furniture, accessories, the home, buying and sale of property, textile, leather, interior design, electronics and gifts.

The main national and international brand names in fashion, design and electronic technology are well established in Torre Vieja. There is a wealth of interior design, home accessories, gifts and all kinds of textiles. The relationship of quality and price is optimal in terms of quality and product guarantee. The widest range of establishments is centred in the sector of home, interior design and fashion. Opening times range between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, although a number of commercial establishments are open every day of the week.

There are two commercial centres - one in the town centre (plaza de Isabel II) and the other, which is a leisure complex called Ozone, is on the regional road CV 90. There are also all the main European food outlets with home delivery service.

Gastronomy:



Amongst Torrevieja's many attractions as a Mediterranean tourist centre, is its superb gastronomy, which nowadays combines traditional dishes with "new cuisine", and which can be found in most of the town's restaurants.

Fish forms the basis of traditional Torrevieja cooking, along with vegetables from the nearby irrigated regions of the Segura river "the market garden of Europe", and meats, especially pork, which is still made into delicious homemade sausages and cold meats in areas around the town. The most outstanding typical dish of Torrevieja is the "Caldero" (fish stew) which normally consists of tasty cuts of fish called names like: "the hen" (la gallina), "the cock" (el gallo), "soft roe" (lecha), "spider" (araña), "red mullet" (salmonetes) amongst others.

The juice from these fish, which are cooked in garlic, "ñora" and tomato, is used as a base for a delicious rice which is served alongside the stew. Other dishes which are considered indigenous to the area are the huge variety of fish and rice dishes such as "arroz a banda", octopus (de pulpo), tuna (de atún), and most outstandingly, rice with peas (péssoles) and fresh anchovy which is prepared with tender garlic and fresh artichokes.

There is also a marvellous range of Torreviejan appetisers, such as the "calamar de potera" and grilled cuttlefish (sepia a la plancha), "pulpo ensangochao", anchovies in vinegar (boquerones en vinagre) and onion blood

The star appetiser is dried octopus (pulpo seco), which is cooked over an open fire after drying in the sun for several days, and is served with oil and lemon (a must to try in the Bar El Pica) accompanied by a "paloma" (aniseed liqueur, preferably "Candela" or "Tenis", with water and ice).

Visit the Bahía, Miramar, Tamarindo restaurants, "Las Cañas" bar-restaurant and the popular terraces which serve fried dishes and grilled sardines in the area behind the Torrevieja casino.

Pubs:

Torrevieja offers a wide range of leisure activities and night entertainment.

At the time for going out for a drink you can choose between a variety of premises with different musical atmospheres and styles.

In the Avenida de las Habaneras there are about a dozen "after-hour" establishments. These have an ultra-modern atmosphere and a closing time later than the rest - until 5 a.m. Torrevieja offers the opportunity to end the night in one of its numerous discotheques. These can be found in the Avenida de las Cortes Valencianas, the Avenida de Delfina Viudes and the Ozone leisure complex. The town's discotheques specialise in different styles of music, from "tecno" to salsa. Closing times are at 5 a.m. in the winter and 6 a.m. in the summer.

You can also visit the games and leisure complex "Ozone". This is situated on the CV 90 road exit to Madrid. This centre is more than 10,000 square metres in area, it offers the opportunity to have supper in more than 25 restaurants, play bowls, enjoy the gaming Casino or view a newly released film at the 8 multi-screen cinema complex which benefits from the best sound and image technology in Europe.

Parties:



The town has a full calendar of festivals for all tastes. In very general terms, these are the most important:

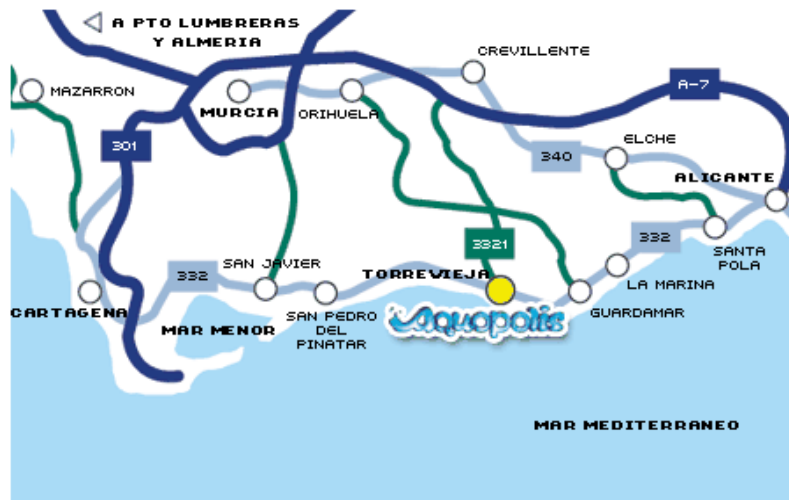
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- FEBRUARY: Carnival festivals and processions.
- MARCH: Hotel and Business Gastronomical Festival and Presentation of May Fair.
- APRIL: Easter processions.
- MAY: May fair. One of the most important Andalucian festivals on the Mediterranean.
- JUNE: San Juan bonfires.
- JULY: Seafarer's festivals of the Virgin of Carmen and the International Festival of Habaneras and Poliphonic singing.
- AUGUST: Festivals of San Emigdio and de Barrios in honour of tourists.
- SEPTEMBER: Festival of Vendimia in La Mata.,
- OCTOBER: El Pilar festival.
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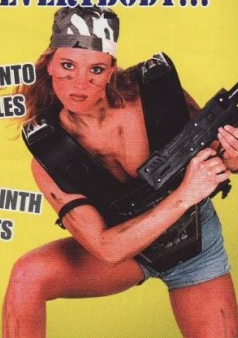
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Museums:

Tomas Valcárcel Museum of Easter

Calle Formentera. Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, mornings from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs and evenings from 16.00 to 19.00 hrs.

This was created in 1992 and is run by the central committee of the Holy Week brotherhoods. Inside we can see - throughout the year except during Holy Week itself - **all the heritage of the Passion processions**, with statues, thrones, standards with artisan embroidery, displays of sculptures, paintings and other objects.



It is named after one of Torrevieja's most-faceted artists, Tomás Valcárcel Deza, who donated to the museum the small-scale replica of the statue of Torrevieja's patron saint la Purísima Concepción (Antonio Castillo Lastrucci, 1947). We can also see another replica of the patron saint that was for many years in Barcelona with the Brotherhood of Absent Torrevejenses (Hnos Blanco López, 1957).

Museum of Sea and Salt

At number 10 in the Calle Patricio Perez. Telephone 96-670-68-38. Opening hours: From Monday to Friday, mornings from 09.30 to 14.30 hrs and evenings from 17.00 to 21.00 hrs Saturdays from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs and 17.00 to 21.00 hrs. Sundays from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs. Closed Monday afternoon.



It was inaugurated in its present provisional headquarters in February 1995 and exhibits a selection of objects that constitute a reflection of Torrevieja historic roots, such as a display of handicrafts made of salt, a collection of photographs of the time. model boats, archaeological material, articles for fishing and navigation and others. Recently there has been the outstanding exhibition of a magnificent model and diorama of the Torrevieja sailing ship "Pascual Flores", the last of Torrevieja ancient coastal shipping fleet that is now being restored at the Sal quay after being bought by Torrevieja town hall in the United Kingdom.

Ricardo Lafuente Museum

Sited on the upper floor of the Eras de la Sal building, along with the former Business Group of the Salinas of Torrevieja. Opening hours: Monday to Friday, mornings 10.15 to 13.15 hrs, evenings 16.30 to 19.30 hrs.

We can see many objects related to Torrevieja most prolific writer of Habaneras song, Ricardo Lafuente Aguado, who also often goes there. Recordings, photographs, paintings and general personal souvenirs of Lafuente and the group he leads, the 'Salinas de Torrevieja' Choir and Orchestra, can be seen in this small but packed museum that has the Torrevieja Habanera as the common denominator.



Sports:

Torrevieja offers a wide range of sporting facilities for practising almost all kinds of sports. There is a Sports Complex in the area called La Hoya. It comprises:



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- A sports palace with three sports courts, Olympic swimming pool, gymnasium, physiotherapy clinic, library and sauna.
 - Covered pavillion, with sports court for the practice of handball, basketball, roller-skate hockey, volleyball and 5-a-side football.
 - Tennis courts.
 - Open-air athletics circuit.
 - Football pitches with grass and hard surface.
 - Municipal "pelota" court
 - Bowling and "petanca" surfaces

In order to use these facilities you must phone Torrevieja Town Council Sports Department, where you will be told what day and time you can use these facilities.

Sports Department:

Sports centre: 965 718 151

Sports palace: 965 707 713

You can also practice a number of marine sports in either of the two sports ports of the town:

Real Club Náutico: 965 710 102

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Torrevieja possesses more than 50 sports clubs dedicated to most sports. From model aeroplanes through to pigeon fancying, bowling, darts, billiards, sailing, hiking, golf, swimming, roller-skate hockey, rhythmic gymnastics or chess, without forgetting all the traditional sports. For any information please contact the Sports Department.

The town's sports schools carry out sports instruction to even the youngest children, and offer numerous possibilities for keep-fit activities. Torrevieja possesses more than twenty private gymnasiums for indoor sports, which also contain keep-fit and relaxation equipment.



Golf

Golf Information Villamartin Campoamor Las Ramblas La Finca Golf and Quesada are all less than a 20 min drive from our villa . You can also try La Finca Golf and Quesada, which are within easy reach.! useful telephone nos: Villa Martin Golf Club: 0034 966 765160 Campoamor Golf Club: 0034 965 300209 Las Ramblas Golf Club: 0034 965 322011

There are a 4 Golf courses within easy reach of Calle Oviedo.

Real club de Golf Campoamor

The Real Club de Golf Campoamor opened in 1989 and was designed by Carmelo Gracias Caselles. The 18 hole course is 6203 metres' long with a par of 72, it is covered in lush grass, and is surrounded by beautiful pine woods and orange trees and overlooks the coast from Torrevieja to La Manga del Mar Menor.



The facilities of the Real Club de Golf Campoamor include a new Club House situated at the highest point of the course. There is a cafeteria, bar and restaurant, large and luxurious social lounges, terraces, changing rooms, shops, club room, storage room, offices, ample car parking, swimming pools, children's playground with babysitting, sport centre, and facilities for tennis, and horse riding.



Located 3km from Villa Martin and 10 km from Torrevieja. From Alicante airport 35 minutes and San Javier airport 20 minutes. Beaches are 5-10 minutes' drive.

Course fee: 60€



La Finca

La Finca, opened in 2002 and was designed by José Gancedo. The course has 18 holes and a part of 72, and is situated at the foot of Mount Escotera, in the municipality of Algorfa, right in the heart of the Segura region.

La Finca is a golfing oasis placed in picturesque rural surroundings with fantastic views. Ideally located for those who want to play golf in the heart of the country, while at the same time being able to enjoy the area's best beaches, sailing clubs, & a host of other facilities at just a few minutes' drive.



Designed to host top tournaments, La Finca has the greatest variety of greens of any course on the Costa Blanca, ranging in size from very large to very small. As a bonus feature, the course has a reserve hole so that, in the event that one of the holes has to be closed off unexpectedly, players are still able to complete a full 18-hole round.



Several lakes with running water & reed beds along the course add beauty & difficulty to the game, making the course the home of a wide variety of migratory water birds, such as ducks & egrets. The interior of the course is home to olive & palm trees, creating a beautiful backdrop of vegetation with a distinctly Mediterranean flavour.

La Finca Golf is about 30 minutes drive from Alicante airport and about 30 minute drive from Murcia airport. Exit 743 off the A 37 Motorway.

Course fee: 75.00€



Las Ramblas

Las Ramblas opened in 1991 and was designed by Jose Gancedo. The 18 hole course, has a par of 72, and is on mountainous ground which makes the course very interesting as the holes are designed so that in most cases you have to hit over the ravines. The majority of people who play this course really enjoy the challenging experience and want to play it again and again.

The Clubhouse facilities are smaller than any other courses, but the setting and friendly atmosphere are second to none. The outside terrace overlooks the 18th green.

Located 3km from Villa Martin and 10Km



from Torrevieja. From Alicante airport 35 minutes and San Javier airport 20 minutes. Beaches are 5-10 minutes' drive.

Course fee: 45.00€

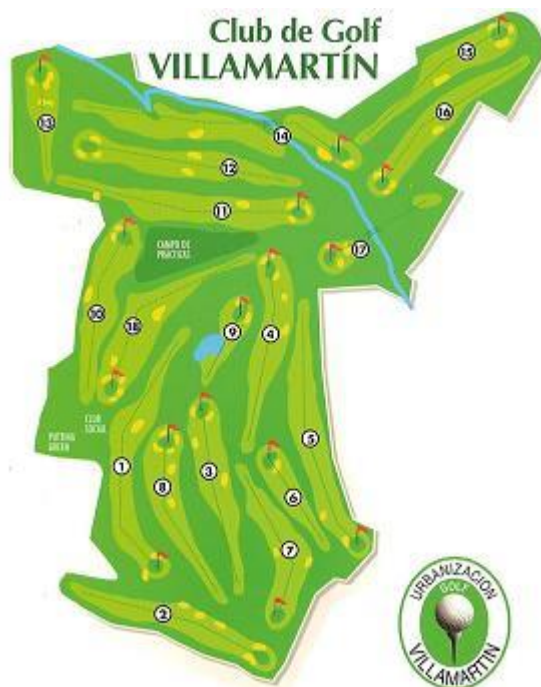


Villa Martin

Villamartin Golf Club, built in 1972, and was designed by Paul Puttman. The 18 hole course is 6,132 metres long with a par of 72. The course has been cleverly adapted by the natural surroundings in which it is placed with some water obstacles at some of the holes. Its fairways are of Bermuda grass and greens of Pennncross.

There are a few gentle slopes and hills on this course and it's located on a riverbed. The main difficulties here seem to be the natural hazards of the cliffs and the large greens thereby each hole is different.

The Clubhouse facilities are excellent and offer buggy hire, trolley hire, club hire, a pro shop, a golf school for those who are eager for instruction, a driving range, practice greens, bunker and chipping greens, changing rooms, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a restaurant and a bar, as well as a currency exchange facility and a social club.



Located walking distance to Villa Martin Square and 8kms from Torrevieja. From Alicante airport 35 minutes and San Javier airport 20 minutes. Beaches are 5-10 minutes' drive.

Course fee: 60.00€



Winter Sun

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What about getting away from it all for Christmas and New Year!!!

The climate in Torrevieja is very stable, belonging to the temperate Continental type, with predominantly mild temperatures in winter as in summer. The coldest months are January and February, with temperatures ranging from 12 to 20 degrees – great months to walk the beach or play golf. The hottest months are July and August with temperatures ranging from 28 to 35 degrees.

The Autumn - from October to December - is the very mild season with temperatures ranging from 21 to 27 degrees

Temperatures are measured in centigrade and this information is well publicised in the media and on lighted signs in public establishments.

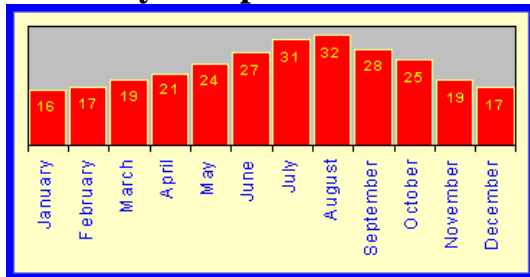
Rainfall is scarce and intermittent.

Torrevieja has a micro-climate which marks it out from other neighbouring towns. The proximity of two salt lakes work in favour of good climatic conditions with regard to both torrential rainfall and strong winds.

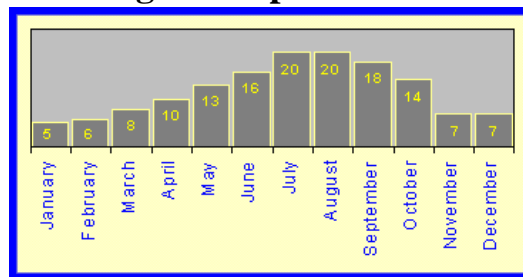
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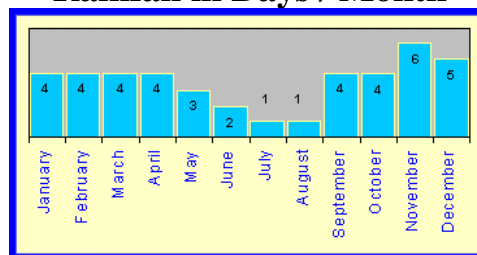
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The Tourist Information Bureau is on the down on the beachfront at Torrevieja.

Please ensure that no food or rubbish is left out, as this will attract ants. Under the sink you will find some ant powder. We recommend regularly sprinkling this just outside the front and back doors to keep the ants out.